

Maine West High School

Maine Township High School
District 207

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Class of 2012
At a Glance:

48 percent enrolled
in a 4-year college*

30 percent enrolled
in a 2-year college*

From Class of 2013:
One National Merit Finalist
Three Commended Students
66 Illinois Scholars

* See note on p2; as reported by National Student
Clearinghouse Student Tracker.

Maine West 2013-14 Profile

The School and Community

Maine Township High School West serves most of Des Plaines and a portion of Rosemont. Primarily residential, the attendance area also includes some light industry, office developments, and shopping areas. Neighborhoods range from low income to upper middle income and include a mix of apartments, townhomes, and condominiums as well as single family homes. Low-income students constitute 34.4 percent of West's enrollment. Maine West High School lies 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago.

Maine West educates students who speak 46 languages; 49 percent of students come from homes where English is not the primary language. The student population is 49.5 percent white, 32.9 percent Hispanic, 10 percent Asian and 4.2 percent black.

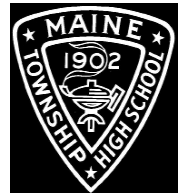
Enrollment for the 2011-12 school year was 2,310. The student-teacher ratio was 18.6 to 1. Average class size was 21.3.

Maine West provides a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous public education program for its youth. Curriculum offerings at Maine West are extensive, with over 200 courses offered in 11 departments, including the fine arts, foreign language and applied arts and technology. Education horizons are broadened via West's distance learning and video conferencing capabilities, allowing student learning to expand into the larger community.

A rich curricula and outstanding programs provide students with multiple learning opportunities. Parental and community support further guarantee an outstanding secondary education, and the entire community benefits from West's outstanding cultural and athletic events and from students' active participation in community service.

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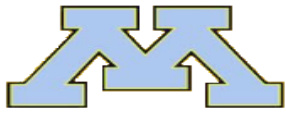
Grading System

District 207 reports a weighted and non-weighted grade point average on the transcript. GPA for all courses are calculated on a four-point scale. Accelerated and AP courses are given one additional bonus point. This is reflected in the weighted GPA. Driver Education does not count in the GPA. Physical Education counts in the non-weighted GPA. In a Pass/Fail course, a passing grade does not affect a student's GPA. However, a failing grade will be figured into the student's total GPA as a zero.

Class rank is no longer being calculated. No information indicating a relative class rank using either the all-subject or academic grade point averages will be issued internally or externally to staff, students, parents, other academic institutions or agencies.

Letter Grade	Accelerated/AP	Regular
A	5	4
B	4	3
C	3	2
D	1	1
F	0	0

Our Mission is to Improve Learning



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Transcript Legend

ACC	Accelerated (Honors)
AP	Advanced Placement
CWT	Cooperative Work Training
ESL	English as a Second Language
IN	Incomplete: The grade must be earned during the first six weeks of the next quarter.
NG	Carries no credit and used under special circumstances such as an audit which has been approved in advance.
PA	Passing grade in Pass/Fail Course
RLTD	Classroom work for job training
SS	Summer School
T	Transferred credit
TRNG	On-the-job training
RPTD	Repeated class

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 23.25 academic units of credit are required for graduation.

English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Social Sciences	3.0
Science	3.0
Fine Arts, AAT, Foreign Language	2.0
Oral Communication	0.25
Consumer Education	0.25
Physical Education	1.75
Health	0.50
Driver Education	0.50
Electives	5.0

Note: Physical Education is required each semester except when enrolled in health class.

Exams are required on the Declaration of Independence, the Flag of the United States, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Students graduating before 2008 were required to complete one less course in math, science, and social science, and one additional elective credit.

ACT Data - Class of 2013 *

	Composite scores	
	Including Extended Time Scores	Without Extended Time Scores
Maine West	20.6	21.2
Illinois	20.6	21.1
Nation	20.9	

* Beginning in 2013, ACT no longer excludes from its composite calculations the scores of students with disabilities who take the exam with the accommodation of extended time. As a result, 2013 scores do not provide a direct comparison to scores from previous years. To provide a truer comparison for Maine West, this profile lists the composite of students who took the ACT with accommodations and those who did not.

Maine West Class of 2012 College and University Destinations *

American University	Michigan State University
Aurora University	Milwaukee School of Engineering
Ball State University	Monmouth College
Benedictine University	North Central College
Bradley University	North Park University
Butler University	Northeastern Illinois University
Carroll University	Northern Illinois University
Carthage College	Northland College
Case Western Reserve	Northwestern University
Central Lakes - Brainerd	Oakton Community College
Central State - Ohio	Oklahoma State University
Colorado School of Mines	Pace University
Columbia College Chicago	Penn State University
Concordia University	Purdue University
Cornell College	Robert Morris University
Cornell University	Roosevelt University
Davidson College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.
Daytona State College	Saint Louis University
DePaul University	St. Mary's University Winona
Dixie State College of Utah	Southern Illinois, Carbondale
Dominican University	St. Cloud State University
Drake University	SUNY Fashion Institute Tech.
Eastern Illinois University	The Ohio State University
Eastern Kentucky University	Trinity International University
Elmhurst College	Triton College
Everest College - Skokie	University of Dayton
Ferris State University	University of Evansville
Gordon College	University of Illinois, Chicago
Goshen College	University of Illinois, Urbana
Grand Rapids Community College	University of Iowa
Grinnell College	University of Minnesota
Harvard University	University of Missouri - Columbia
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Illinois State University	University of North Dakota
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of North Texas
Indiana University	University of Rochester
Iowa State University	University of St. Francis
Iowa Wesleyan College	University of Utah
ITT Technical Institute	University of Washington
Johnson & Wales University	University of Wisc., Eau Claire
Judson University	University of Wisc., La Crosse
Kendall College	University of Wisc., Madison
Knox College	University of Wisc., Stevens Point
Lake Forest College	University of Wisc., Whitewater
Lewis University	University of Wyoming
Loyola University Chicago	Washtenaw Community College
Marion Military Institute	Western Illinois University
Marquette University	Western Michigan University
	William Rainey Harper College

* Information reported by the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker service. The NCS collects enrollment information from postsecondary institutions throughout the United States. Their database accounts for 96 percent of students enrolled in public, private, 2- and 4-year institutions throughout the nation. For District 207, this results in a more accurate accounting of graduates than was possible through the student self-reporting on which the district previously relied.

Maine West Curriculum

English

Academy (English/Read/ Soc. Stud./Guided Studies)	4-block period
English 1	One period daily
English 1 Accelerated	Placement recommendation
Eng. 2/Read 2 Transitional	Blocked with required Reading Enrichment
English 2	One period daily
English 2 Accelerated	Placement recommendation
European Studies	Interdisciplinary English and Social Studies
English 3	One period daily
American Studies	Interdisciplinary English and U.S. History
AP Lang. & Composition	Placement recommendation
AP Lit. & Composition	Placement recommendation
Senior Options below - All One Semester	
Creative Writing	
Modern World Literature	
Literature Seminar	
Literature and Film Studies	
Rhetoric of American Song Lyrics	
Chicago Literature	
Latino-American Literature	
Senior Composition	
British Literature	
Newspaper Practicum	

(All courses are full year, 1 credit unless otherwise noted)

Mathematics

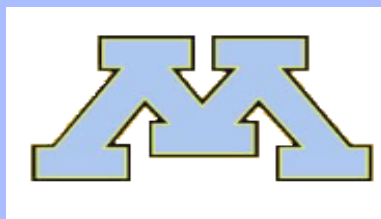
Core Math	One period daily. Prepares for sophomore Algebra. Elective credit.
Algebra 1 Extended	1 1/2 period daily. Prepares for Plane Geometry
Algebra 1	One period daily
Algebra 2 Freshman	For above-average freshmen who have completed Algebra 1
Accelerated Algebra 2	For exceptional freshmen who have completed Algebra 1
Sophomore Algebra	First-year Algebra course
Plane Geometry	Informal approach to Geometry
Geometry	Plane and Solid Geometry
Geometry for Juniors	Plane and Solid Geometry
Acc. Geometry & Trig	Plane and Solid Geometry with Pre-Calculus
Integrated Mathematics	Real-world application of Algebra, Plane Geometry and Algebra 2
Algebra 2	One period daily
Advanced Algebra & Trig	Algebra 2 with Trigonometry added
College Algebra and Trig	A pre-Calculus course
Accelerated Math Analysis	Pre-Calculus with some beginning Calculus
Trigonometry	One Semester
Pre-Calculus	Functions and analytic geometry for seniors
AP Calculus AB	1 1/2 periods daily
AP Calculus BC	1 1/2 period daily
Probability & Statistics	One semester
AP Statistics	1 1/2 period daily
Computer Science 1	
Computer Science 2	Must take with Computer Science 1
Multivariable Calc. and Diff. Equations	1 1/2 period daily dual credit course

(All courses are full year, 1 credit unless otherwise noted)

Mathematics, former courses*

Fundamentals of Math	Basic skills of arithmetic
Introduction to Algebra	Slower approach to Algebra. equal to first semester of Algebra 1
Math 1	Algebra for average students
Adv. Math 1	Enriched Algebra for above average students
Acc. Math 1	Extended course of Algebra for superior students
Application of Math	Arithmetic applied to everyday life and consumer problems
Sophomore Algebra	Slower approach to Algebra. Equal to the 2nd semester of Algebra 1
Math 2	Plane Geometry
Advanced Math 2	Integrated course of Plane and Solid Geometry
Accelerated Math 2	Integrated course of Plane and Solid Geometry for superior students
Math 3	Algebra 2
Advanced Math 3	Algebra 2 and Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus for superior students
Accelerated Math 3	Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry
Math 4a	Trigonometry
Math 4b	College Algebra
Advanced Math 4a	Elementary Functions
Advanced Math 4b	Analytical Geometry and Pre-Calculus
Acc. Math 4	Calculus A.P.

* The last school year these course titles were used was 1984-85



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Advanced Placement

AP courses are offered in:

U.S. History
Macro/Micro Economics
European History
U.S. Government and Politics
English Language/Composition
English Literature
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Spanish
Music Theory
Studio Art-Drawing
Statistics
Studio Art 2D Design.

Faculty

A talented and dedicated staff of about 200 provides the motivation for student achievement. Approximately 80 percent of West's teachers have an M.A. degree or beyond.

Pattern of School Year

Length of Day

The 185-day school year is divided into two semesters. Nine 45-minute periods make up the school day, allowing students to complete a wide variety of required and elective courses. Laboratory classes are 70 minutes in length.